

REGULATION OF COTTON FUTURES.

Mr. SMITH of Georgia submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT ON THE BILL (S. 110) TO REGULATE TRADING IN COTTON FUTURES AND PROVIDE FOR THE STANDARDIZATION OF "UPLAND" AND "GULF" COTTONS SEPARATELY.

JULY 24, 1914.—Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 110) to regulate trading in cotton futures and provide for the standardization of "upland" and "gulf" cottons separately, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In section 3, line 4, of the amendment strike out "1 cent" and insert in lieu thereof *2 cents*

In section 5, seventh line of the fifth page of the amendment, after the comma following "thereof," strike out all the rest of the paragraph and in lieu thereof insert the following: *fixed, assessed, collected, and paid, in such manner and in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.*

In section 5, twenty-second line on the fifth page of the amendment, after "heard," insert the following: *by him or such officer, officers, agent, or agents of the Department of Agriculture as he may designate.*

In section 9 of the amendment strike out the sentence beginning "That," in line 10 of page 8, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, from time to time, to establish and promulgate standards of cotton by which its quality or value may be judged or determined, including its grade, length of staple, strength of staple, color, and such other qualities, properties, and conditions as may be standardized in practical form, which, for the purposes of this Act, shall be known as the "Official cotton standards of the United States," and to adopt, change, or replace the standard for any grade of cotton established under the Act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine (Thirty-fifth Statutes at Large, page two hundred and fifty-one), and Acts supplementary thereto: Provided, That any standard of any cotton established and promulgated under this Act by the

Secretary of Agriculture shall not be changed or replaced within a period less than one year from and after the date of the promulgation thereof by the Secretary of Agriculture: Provided, further, That, subsequent to six months after the date section three of this Act becomes effective, no change or replacement of any standard of any cotton established and promulgated under this Act by the Secretary of Agriculture shall become effective until after one year's public notice thereof, which notice shall specify the date when the same is to become effective.

At the end of section 10 of the amendment insert a new paragraph as follows:

This section shall not be construed to apply to any contract of sale made in compliance with section five of this Act.

In section 11, line 8, of the amendment strike out "1 cent" and insert in lieu thereof *two cents*.

In section 11, first line on page 11 of the amendment, strike out "quality" and insert in lieu thereof *quantity*.

In section 20, line 9, of the amendment strike out "and" preceding "to."

In section 20, line 10, of the amendment strike out "permanent."

In section 20, line 12, strike out "and he shall" and insert in lieu thereof *to*.

In section 20, line 13, of the amendment strike out "including" and insert in lieu thereof *to pay*.

In section 20, line 13, of the amendment strike out "the employment of" and insert in lieu thereof *to employ*.

In section 20, line 15, of the amendment, after the period, insert the following:

The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby directed to publish from time to time the results of investigations made in pursuance of this Act.

In section 21, line 5, of the amendment strike out "three" and in lieu thereof insert *six*.

In section 21, line 6, of the amendment strike out the period and insert: *Provided, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to any contract of sale of any cotton for future delivery mentioned in section three of this Act which shall have been made prior to the date when said section three becomes effective.*

And the House agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the title and agree to the same.

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Managers on the part of the Senate.

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Managers on the part of the House.